Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Letter No. 12315, dated 1st June 1911, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the following report received from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, on the Cattle Show held at Harihar from the 20th to the 24th March 1911 at the time of the Sangameswaraswami Jatra there :—

Letter No. 609, dated 22nd May 1911, from K. Chandy, Esq., B.A., Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, to Rajakaryapravina A. Rangaswami Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the Cattle Show at Harihar held in March 1911.

2. The inhabitants of Harihar Town, having requested that arrangements may be made for holding a Cattle Show at Harihar on the occasion of the Sangameswaraswami Jatra in March 1911, the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Davangere Sub-Division, recommended their proposal, and the subject was brought forward at the District Board meeting held on the 8th February 1911. As the members of the Board unanimously approved the idea, a recommendation was sent up to Government soliciting sanction to the holding of the Cattle Show and also for a grant of Rs. 150 from District Funds. The Government were, in their Order No. 7146-50—L. B. 241-10-4, dated 25th February 1911, pleased to sanction the above proposals.

3. *Prospectus.*—The prospectus, which was approved by Government and published in the *Mysore Gazette*, was widely distributed in and outside the Province (Appendices I and II).

4. *Committee of Management.*—A local Committee was formed for managing the affairs of the Exhibition with retired Assistant Commissioner Mr. Mahadeva Rao as President, and Mr. R. Balaji Rao as Secretary. A Committee of Judges with the Sub-Division Officer as President, was also formed for judging the prize-winners. The names of the members of the two Committees are given as Appendices III and IV. The Committee members and the Deputy Amildar Mr. Sundararajaiengar worked hard to make the fair and show a success, under the guidance of the Senior Assistant Commissioner.

I also visited Harihar prior to the show and gave the necessary suggestions.

A decent pendal was erected in front of the temple, which as well as buntings and flags kindly lent by the Mysore Municipality, added beauty to the show.

5. *Number of cattle exhibited.*—The Cattle Show was declared open on the 20th March 1911 and continued for four days. Till the evening of the 24th idem, 21,347 cattle from all parts of the Province and also from the neighbouring taluks of Harapanahalli in the Bellary District and Ranebennur in the Dharwar District of the British Territory, had collected. Besides these, about 6,500 cattle had been brought with the carts. The above figures are given from the census taken till the evening of the 24th. It may be mentioned here that, in spite of every precaution taken to keep a correct account of the number of cattle that came to the show, many arrived during nights when no census was taken, and further more than 2,000 cattle arrived on the 25th March. Thus the total number can safely be said to be over 30,000, while the number of cattle that collected last year on the occasion of the Cattle Show was 6,544. It will be seen from the above that the cattle collected this year was nearly five times that of last year.

6. *Number of cattle selected.*—An enclosure was made to admit cattle, and the owners were informed that if they wished to compete for prizes, they may take their cattle to the enclosure on payment of a fee of annas two for each big bullock and one anna for others. A sum of Rs. 21-6-0 was the income realized from this

source, and the number of cattle admitted to the enclosure and selected for prizes, was as follows:—

I.	Draught bullocks	26 pairs.
II.	Plough bullocks	42 „
III.	Single bullocks	6
IV.	Breeding bulls	10
V.	Bull calves under two years	5
VI.	Heifers under two years	2
VII.	Milch cows	7
VIII.	Cow buffaloes	6
IX.	Rams	3
X.	Bucks	2

7. *Classification of cattle according to breeds, size, age, etc.*—The following were the kinds of cattle that collected at the Harihar Show, out of the censused number of 21,347 :—

1.	Hallikar	367
2.	Amrut Mahal	22
3.	Country	4,020
4.	Hattidana	4,679
5.	Bettadadana	5,329
6.	Kantha	1,849
7.	Vaddaradana	1,148
8.	Amaravati breed	3,125
9.	Dupati	285
10.	Calves	346
11.	Cows	45
12.	Cow buffaloes	6
	Total	21,311

Besides the above, there were the following:—

1.	Rams	3
2.	Sheep	24
3.	Goats	8
4.	Deer	1
	Total	36

Only the best cattle entered the enclosure.

In addition to the above, there were 6,500 hatti and country bullocks which had been brought with carts.

The Inspector of Cattle Diseases and many others who had witnessed the Cattle Show at Subramanya Ghati in Dodballapur Taluk, Chunchankatte in Mysore Taluk and Rampur in Honnali Taluk, said that the finest Hallikar bulls were found in this jatra, and that this was one of the biggest shows held in Mysore.

8. *Number of prizes awarded.*—The prizes were distributed by me on the evening of the 24th March in the pendal erected for the purpose. Mr. Jade Subba Rao and Mr. Mahadeva Rao spoke in detail about the show. Before distributing the prizes, I spoke a few words explaining the origin of the show and its importance and usefulness.

The humble and loyal thanks of the meeting were expressed to His Highness the Maharaja who exhibited his practical interest in the fair by deputing his Musaheb Regimentdar Krishna Rao to attend the show and make purchases for the Palace (see para. 12 *infra*).

The names of prize winners are given as Appendix V.

As there were a number of good plough bullocks, it was considered desirable to have a ploughing competition and one was accordingly arranged. There were 12 competitors, and the first three whose names are noted in Appendix V got the prizes for having ploughed well the land set apart for the purpose within the fixed time, with country ploughs.

All the prizes for the cattle were awarded in the shape of gold and silver medals except a few money prizes. The number of medals awarded was 17, 6 of gold and 11 of silver.

It may not be out of place to mention here that the selling price of the bullocks varied from Rs. 200 to Rs. 600 a pair, and the quality and kind of cattle that collected this year was superior to that of last year. It is estimated that the total amount realised by the sale of cattle this year was nearly a lakh and a half.

9. *Place of Cattle Show and its suitability as regards water-supply and sanitary requirements.*—The place selected for holding the Cattle Show was the maidan

in front of the Sangameswaraswami temple on the bank of the Tungabhadra River. This site was very convenient in every respect, as there was ample accommodation for tethering the cattle in addition to water convenience close by. Harihar is very suitable and convenient to the traders in, and purchasers of, cattle on account of Railway communication.

10. *Pony Show.*—It was considered desirable to have a Pony Show also in this connection. Accordingly, a supplementary prospectus was issued, which was also published in the *Mysore Gazette* and circulated as far as possible. As there was not enough of time for giving wide publicity and as the ponies that collected at the show were not many, it was decided that out of the five medals of the total value of Rs. 45 set apart for awarding prizes, only two silver medals should be given, reserving the remaining three gold medals for next year.

Judging from the situation of Harihar as a convenient centre for the sale of cattle and Dharwar tattus, it is desirable to make the Cattle Fair and Show an annual function. Fees for cattle may be levied after a few years and not at once.

11. *Demonstrations.*—Dr. Coleman, Agricultural Chemist and Entomologist to the Government of Mysore, was pleased to send ploughs, chaff-cutter and winnower in charge of Messrs. H. Ramaiya and Santappa, Agricultural Inspectors. These were demonstrated during the days of the show, and the large number of raiyats who witnessed them appreciated the advantages of these improved machines. The winnower was purchased by a merchant of Davangere. I take this opportunity to thank Dr. Coleman on behalf of the Committee.

12. *Lectures.*—Arrangements had been made to deliver lectures in the pendal during the days of the Exhibition. Mr. H. Ramaiya, Agricultural Inspector, delivered lectures on "Preservation of manure," "Green manure" and "Sugar cane cultivation." Messrs. Santappa, Agricultural Inspector, and Narasimhaiengar, Inspector of Cattle Diseases in Mysore, delivered lectures on "Grasshopper pest and how to prevent its spread" and "Breeding of cattle" respectively. The lectures were largely attended by the raiyats who had assembled for the show.

Seeing that there was to be a Pony Show at Harihar, His Highness the Maharaja was graciously pleased to depute Mr. Regimentdar Krishna Rao to witness the show and make purchases of a few ponies, if available, but on account of late advertisement, there was not a sufficient collection of ponies. The people were, however, very greateful to His Highness for this act of kindness, and I hope that it will prove an incentive for a larger number of ponies being brought for sale next year.

Mr. Regimentdar Krishna Rao delivered an interesting lecture on "Breed of horses and their uses in agricultural operations."

13. *Visitors.*—It is not possible to estimate correctly the number of people that assembled but as there were over 30,000 cattle, it is safe to estimate the number of persons at between 60,000 and 80,000. The sight from the steps of Harihareswaraswami temple and from the Government bridge was a very imposing one.

14. *Shops, amusements, etc.*—There were 124 stalls selling various things. Besides these, there were dramas, merry-go-rounds and other amusements. It was decided to levy a small fee on these and the income realized was Rs. 58-11-0. During the days of the show, trade was very brisk.

15. *Total receipts*, viz., *from fees, private subscriptions, contributions.*—The details of receipts and expenditure are given below:—

RECEIPTS.

Item.	Amount. Rs.	a.	p.
1. Government Grant	150	0	0
2. Contribution	100	0	0
3. Realization from shops, dramas, etc.	58	11	0
4. Realization from fees for selected cattle admitted to the enclosure	21	6	0
5. By sale of manure	250	0	0
Total ...	580	1	0

EXPENDITURE.

Item.	Amount. Rs.	a.	p.
1. Cost incurred for constructing a pendal	19	10	6
2. Contingencies and miscellaneous	12	8	6
3. Medals and money prizes	198	12	0
Total ...	230	15	0
1. Deduct cost of three gold medals reserved for next year ...	35	0	0
Total Expenditure ...	195	15	0

It will be seen from the above that the expenditure was only a third of the income and there has been a net savings of Rs. 384-2-0, including the value of three Pony Show medals.

16. *Photo.*—I herewith send three photos taken on the occasion of the Cattle Show, two of which relate to the views of the Cattle Show and the third is a group photo, the cost of which has been paid for locally. The photographer being an amateur, the views are not as good as they might have been. The photo of the prize cattle was spoiled by overexposure.

17. *Police and sanitary arrangements.*—The police arrangements made by the Superintendent of Police, and the sanitary arrangements made by the Deputy Amildar, were satisfactory.

18. *Concluding remarks.*—In conclusion, I beg to state that the Cattle Fair and Show was a great success for which Deputy Amildar Mr. Sundararajaiengar and the local non-official Committee with its President Mr. Mahadeva Rao, deserve to be congratulated. I hope that similar success will attend the future fairs and that the Harihar Cattle Fair will establish itself as a leading one in the State.

No. 288-91—L. B. 241-10-8, DATED BANGALORE, 13TH JULY 1911.

1. ORDER THEREON.—Recorded with the observation that the approval of Government should have been obtained to levy fees on stalls and sites used for dramas, merry-go-rounds and other amusements. Government note with pleasure that the Cattle Show at Harihar was a success and that the good work done by the non-official gentlemen who managed the show largely contributed to the success.

2. It is reported that the receipts and the expenditure in connection with the show amounted to Rs. 580-1-0 and Rs. 230-15-0 respectively, but what is shown as a Government grant of Rs. 150 and included on the side of receipts cannot be reckoned as a contribution to the show, since, under Government Proceedings No. 7007-24—L. B. 189-09, dated 22nd February 1911, the entire cost of the show should be met from the District Funds and all contributions and realizations from fees, etc., should be credited to such funds on the side of receipts. Accordingly, the income of Rs. 430-1-0 shall be credited and the expenditure of Rs. 230-15-0 debited to the District Funds in the accounts for 1910-11.

3. The provision made in the District Fund budget for 1910-11, on account of cattle shows, being only Rs. 200, a re-appropriation of sanctioned grants should have been proposed, as directed in Government Order No. 7146-50—L. B. 241-10, dated 25th February 1911, for meeting the excess over the budget provision. As it is now too late to call for any such re-appropriation, the Comptroller is authorized to admit the excess expenditure.

4. The suggestion made in para 10 of the Deputy Commissioner's report, to make the show an annual event, should form the subject of a separate communication.

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The Comptroller, Mysore Government.